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INDICATIONS FOR PERIOD JUNE 31 TO JULY 28. GRC COMMANDO RAID STRATEGY SUFFERED MOST SERIOUS SETBACK TO DATE WHEN TOTAL FOUR MOTHER-BOATS INTERCEPTED JULY 11 AND JULY 12 AND APPROXIMATELY 151 MEN PRESUMED LOST. ACCORDING YEH HSIANG-CHIH,
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IBMND LIFT CAPABILITY FOR MARITIME OPERATIONS REDUCED BY TWO-THIRDS. YEH STATED IBMND HAD CANCELLED RAIDS FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN ORDER SEEK NEW TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT.

SIX OF EIGHT GRC MARITIME OPERATIONS THAT REACHED MAINLAND DURING FIRST HALF 1964 WERE FAILURES AND OTHER TWO ONLY OF QUESTIONABLE SUCCESS. THIS UNENCOURAGING RECORD COMBINED WITH LOSSES THIS MONTH MAY RESULT IN GRC DE-EMPHASIS OF SMALL SCALE COMMANDO RAIDS AND SEARCH FOR STILL OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO MAINTAIN ENGAGEMENT WITH CHICOMS. REPORTS AND SPEECHES TO ANNUAL GRC MILITARY CONFERENCE WHICH IS TO BE HELD JULY 29 TO AUGUST 7 MAY INDICATE DIRECTION OF NEW TACTICS.

THAT SOME ACTION IS CONSIDERED BY GRC AS AT LEAST PSYCHOLOGICALLY NECESSARY IS DEMONSTRATED BY PRESIDENT CHIANG'S JULY 18 CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK MESSAGE IN WHICH HE

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DESCRIBED GRC GUERRILLA RAIDS AS "HERALDING COMMENCEMENT OF OUR NATIONAL RECOVERY AND SALVATION BY COUNTEROFFENSIVE."

DURING REPORTING PERIOD, EDITORIALS CONCENTRATED ON US RPT US POLICY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WITH GENERAL CONCLUSION THAT ONLY WAY OUT FOR US WAS TO EXTEND WAR NORTH, SPECIFICALLY BY SUPPORTING GRC IN COUNTERATTACK OF MAINLAND. OCCASIONAL PRESS
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STORIES OF MAINLAND UNREST AND UPRISINGS ALSO CONTINUE TO APPEAR. HOWEVER, TO DATE NO CONCERTED PRESS CAMPAIGN CALLING FOR COUNTERATTACK AS, FOR EXAMPLE, WITNESSED IN SPRING 1962.

YEH HSIANG-CHIH WHO RESPONSIBLE FOR IBMND PLANNING MARITIME RAIDS AND INFILTRATION WILL LEAVE FOR US RPT US JULY 31 AND RETURN ABOUT MID-AUGUST.
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